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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Silver Mining and Smelting Industry
FROM: Frank E. Goodwin, Sc.D., Vice President, Materials Science
SUBJ: Silver Research Consortium – Status Report and Proposed 2004 Research Programs

2003 marks the first full year of operation of the Silver Research Consortium. Silver producers and users have joined together to fund three collaborative programs that are currently underway:

- SM-1, “Improved Tarnish Resistant Sterling Silver”
- SC-1, “Silver-Based Wood Preservative Development”
- SEH-1, “Silver Ecotoxicity Research Program”

Current Silver Research Consortium members have funded these because they have the potential to either significantly improve demand for silver or are vital to the defense of silver with regard to pending governmental regulations.

The Silver Research Consortium is a program of International Lead Zinc Research Organization, who has managed product and environment research programs on those metals for more than 40 years. The Silver Research Consortium was begun at the request of the silver industry in late 2002.

The funding structure of the Silver Research Consortium consists of a base fee of \$5,000, and opt-in “units” of offered programs at \$2,500 each. You may select as many units of offered programs as you wish. In return for your sponsorship, your company will receive the following benefits:

- Ability to help set the direction of this research program with other sponsors;
- First access to all research results;
- Preferential rights to any patented or proprietary information; and
- Acknowledgement as a sponsor in all publications arising from this research.

Details of each of the offered programs of the Silver Research Consortium are contained in the Catalog of 2004 Research Programs. If you would like a copy of the catalog please contact rputnam@ilzro.org.

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REPLY FORM

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RE: Program Membership – ILZRO 2004 Silver Research Consortium Funding

Dear Dr. Goodwin:

Our company is interested in joining the Silver Research Consortium at the annual fee of \$5,000. I understand we will be invoiced for this amount as well as additional unit purchases selected below:

Program No.	Program Title	Funds Requested	2004 Price Per Unit	#Units Purchased	Total Funding Commitment
(Price Per Unit (\$2500) Times # Units Purchased = Total Funding Commitment)					
SC-1	Silver-Based Wood Preservative Development		\$2500		
SC-2	Silver for Catalytic Converters in Automobiles		\$2500		
SEH-1	Silver Ecotoxicity Research Program	\$130,000 (03) MYF \$260,000	\$2500		
SM-1	Improved Tarnish Resistant Sterling Silver	\$100,000 (04) MYF \$235,525	\$2500		
Total Units Purchased and Funding Commitment					
Plus Program Membership Fee					+ \$5,000
TOTAL SPONSORSHIP of Funding Commitment to Program:					

Signature	Company
Date	Address
Email (Please Type or Print)	Tel/Fax

Any units purchased in programs that do not proceed will be either returned to you or allocated to other programs according to your instructions. You will be invoiced after all program funding has been settled.